

HIGH SPORTS TO BE SELF-SUPPORTING

Student Council Turns Over \$1350 to Equipment Fund.

1926 SCHEDULE READY

Sports at Lower Merion High School will be supported in the future by the school's athletic receipts instead of by the money of taxpayers as the result of steps taken by the student council of the senior high school at a meeting Monday.

A special fund for permanent equipment was established and an initial payment of \$1340 was made into it by the council. Among other things that the fund provides for is the equipment of all athletic teams.

The money paid into it was part of the receipts of the football season. Lower Merion High this year took in over \$6200 as gate receipts on its games. The seating capacity on the improved athletic field, which was increased from 1000 to 4000 during the summer caused an increase of 50 per cent in the receipts this season over last.

Lower Merion has now billed all gridiron opponents for next year. The completed schedule was announced this week by Principal Charles B. Pennypacker.

Stronger Schedule.

The list for 1926 is a stronger one than the schedule played this year. Two schools have been dropped and others considered stronger, taken on in their place.

Northeast, which was beaten the past two years with little difficulty has given up its place on the L. M. H. S. schedule to Penn Charter of Germantown, one of the strong inter-academy league teams. And in the place of Pottstown, which went down two seasons to big defeats at the hands of the Maroon and White eleven there appears Upper Darby High.

The schools for 1926 in the order in which they will be played are Berwyn, Penn Charter, Cheltenham, Wilmington, West Chester, Abington, Lansdowne, Upper Darby.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB

Now that Christmas is over, everyone is free to look ahead to the next thing. For members of the Community Club there is a variety of next things coming soon. Of immediate importance is the Christmas party for the children in the Y. M. C. A., at 2 P. M., Tuesday, December 29. Children of members and their friends are the guests of the club that afternoon. That means both the children of your friends and the friends of your children. The only requirement is that no children may come without an adult. There will be an entertainment that both young and old can enjoy.

The regular meeting on January 5 will be in charge of the Education Committee.

Be thinking about the dinner-dance on January 15, in the Auditorium of the Central Y. M. C. A., Philadelphia. Dinner will be served at 6.30 P. M. Mrs. A. Y. Reinking, chairman of the Hospitality Committee, will be grateful for early reservations. The tickets, at \$1.50, are ready.

949 DOLLARS

A check for \$949 has been mailed to the fire company by Mrs. Leroy C. Douglass, chairman of the committee of the Women's Community Club, which took charge of the ticket sales for the recent concert.

As expenses are expected not to exceed \$50 the results show that through the efforts of the women aiding those who staged this most enjoyable concert, some \$900 has been added to the treasury of the fire company.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

"The Story of Bethlehem," by West, will be sung by the choir at the Methodist Church on Sunday evening, December 27, at 7.45. There will be Christmas music at the morning service also. You are cordially invited.

NEW YEAR NEXT WEEK

As our plant will be closed on Friday next week, "Our Town" must go to press a full day early as was done this week. Correspondents and advertisers are asked to get copy in as early as possible. The last moment is Wednesday evening at the Editor's office, and to insure publication, a day earlier is better still.

The FIRESIDE

Mr. and Mrs. Kern W. McHose, of Narbrook Park, left Sunday for a short trip to Florida.

Mrs. Carrie A. Harrison, of Newburgh, N. Y., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Cooke, of Lantwyn lane, over the holidays.

Miss Jerry Lubke, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Newmaker, of Dudley avenue.

Mrs. W. W. Pierson and Miss Eva Armstrong left Thursday for Atlantic City, where they will remain for the holiday season.

Mrs. Elwin Leech, of Elm Terrace, entertained at a large family dinner party yesterday.

Mrs. C. A. Peeney will entertain her bridge club at her home next Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Brown, of Wynnedale road, are spending the Christmas holidays at Millburg, Pa.

Mrs. Edwin C. Town is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Gotelius and her niece, Miss Martha Gotelius, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hatfield and Douglass MacDougall, of East Orange, N. J., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse S. Harris, of Merion avenue.

Narberth was well represented at the Christmas tree celebration of the Penn A. C. in Rittenhouse Square Wednesday. Chief Strongwolf was one of the participants.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Warren Wright and son Arthur spent the week-end as the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Shannon, of Coatesville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ford Donnelly, of Mill road, with their children motored Wednesday to Baltimore to spend Christmas. They are also including Asheville, N. C., on their itinerary.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baughman, of North Narberth avenue, returned Monday from Florida, where Mr. Baughman recuperated from a serious operation, performed several weeks ago.

Over 250 men attended the supper at the Presbyterian Church last Wednesday. The affair was held in the new Sunday School building.

Miss Betty Hubbell, of Chestnut avenue, is recovering from a serious case of pneumonia.

Miss Cynthia Metzger has issued invitations for a dance at her home on December 29.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Herman have moved from Narbrook Park to Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Reichenbach, of Allentown, have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. B. MacKenzie, of Narbrook Park.

Dr. and Mrs. O. H. Paxon, of Overbrook, have issued invitations for a reunion of Camp Owassa at the Wynnefield Country Club on January 2. Among those from Narberth who expect to attend are the Misses Miriam Strong, Betty Jones, Eleanor Rowley, Virginia Abel, Patience and Helga Wohler.

Mrs. Marshall R. Ford, of Lee, Mass., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Fenno, of Essex avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Wharton Carroll, of Essex avenue, are spending the holidays in Ohio as the guests of Mrs. Carroll's parents.

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NO FUEL SHORTAGE HERE, DEALERS SAY

Main Line Need Not Worry if Anthracite Tie-Up Continues.

PLENTY SUBSTITUTES

There is no coal crisis—not on the Main Line at least. Such is the unanimous declaration of Lower Merion coal dealers.

In this they agree with Representative Benjamin H. Ludlow, of Ardmore, who last week attacked Governor Pinchot's call for a special session of the Legislature, calling it "darn nonsense." Citing the "coal crisis," one of the points mentioned by the Governor in his call, Assemblyman Ludlow declared that as far as the consumer was concerned there was no such thing.

Main Line coal dealers, interviewed this week, upheld him. There is no troublesome fuel situation here, they declared. Soft coal and other anthracite substitutes are plentiful and can be had in sufficient quantities to take care of everybody for the remainder of the winter, if necessary.

Dealers have been educating the public in the use of substitutes and several declare that their customers find these more economical than anthracite and prefer to use the substitutes once they have tried them.

Many Won't Change Back.

"There are plenty of substitutes and there is no necessity of suffering for want of fuel," said L. M. Thompson, of the Thompson yard in Bala. "Lots who have used coke won't go back to hard coal."

"There is no crisis nor any kind of an excited demand for fuel," declared Ralph S. Dunne, of the Narberth Coal Company. "There is sufficient coke, semi-bituminous coal and substitutes to take care of everybody. There is no reason why we can't get along for the rest of the winter here on substitutes we are now selling."

Public Not Worried.

"As for the anthracite tie-up, it may last for some time still, though I would not be at all surprised to learn tomorrow that some basis for agreement had been reached. Both miners and operators can stand a long continuation of the strike. The public, however, is not much concerned over the situation."

At the office of William H. C. Ramsey in Bryn Mawr further assurances of sufficient fuel were given. "Half of the coal-consuming public wouldn't go back to anthracite if they understood how to properly burn soft coal," it was declared. "Our main problem is to convince our customers that it is a good substitute. To do this we have been sending out sample

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BURNHAM—DAVID

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth David to Mr. Stanley Burnham was solemnized Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. John Van Ness, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, at the Manse.

Mr. Burnham is instructor of History at the Narberth Junior High School. After a short wedding trip the couple will reside in Narberth.

TICKETS SOLD WELL

Subscription tickets for the series of winter dances by the Narberth Tennis Association have been mailed to members who ordered them. The sale was very successful, and under the new plan with the entire series underwritten, no financial difficulty is looked for.

Tickets for single dances will be available and will be sold both to members and non-members.

JUNIORS TO DANCE

A Christmas dance is being planned by the Junior Community Club for December 30.

The affair will be held in the Merion War Tribute House on Hazelhurst avenue. Pat Riley and his orchestra have been secured to furnish the music.

Tickets at two dollars are on sale by members.

FEW KNOW THE ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS IN THIS AND OTHER LANDS

Yule Traditions Vary, But All Christians Observe Festival.

PRIMARILY CHILD DAY

Wherever Christianity has left its impress, whether it be the land of the midnight sun and the home of the Christmas tree, the land of continual summer, or their antipodes, the Christmas festival marking the Nativity of the Christ Child is celebrated in some manner.

Various nations and their backgrounds have given rise to time-honored customs which may be traced back through the dusty tomes of the ages to the remote centuries of Christendom. However colorful they are and seemingly different on the surface, behind all of them is the spirit which prompted The Three Wise Men to bear gifts to the Infant King.

Because early Christians regarded the celebration of birthdays as heathenish it was not until the middle of the fourth century that Pope Julius, as a result of an investigation by Saint Cyril, fixed the date of the birth of the Savior as December 25. Before the end of the century all Christian nations accepted this as the date.

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HAFERFORD RADIO TO BE ONE OF BIGGEST IN U. S.

Will Broadcast Choral and Theatre Organ.

A 100-watt transmitter, the most powerful college radio installation in the United States and second only to KDKA among the Pennsylvania stations, is now nearing construction at Haverford.

In taking this step the Haverford College Radio Club expects to make for all letters of its station WABQ, known in all parts of the country and in Europe. The transmitter now employed has been redesigned, and it will operate on a short wave length below 80 meters, so that consistent long-distance transmission in excess of 3000 miles will be made possible.

The entire installation was designed by William S. Halstead, '26, president of the Radio Club, and Irving B. Smith, '27, vice president. It was built and is operated by undergraduates majoring in scientific work at Haverford. In this respect it is unique among the broadcasting stations of America.

The power of the new equipment will be twice as great as any of the Philadelphia stations. WHAZ, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y., with a 500-watt set was considered the strongest college broadcaster, and has repeatedly been heard in Europe.

The programmes of WABQ have been varied and interesting. Members of the faculty of Haverford College have often given talks from the studio. Other authorities, such as Dr. Michael Pupin, Rev. H. Emerson Fosdick, Dr. MacMillan, Christopher Morley and others have been heard at a distance by means of the college station.

This year the programmes have been enlarged upon. The recitals by Horace Hustler, at the console of the largest theatre organ in the world, are broadcast by remote control from the Ardmore Theatre, every Monday and Friday evenings at 11. The Haverford College Instrumental and Glee Clubs, "Haverfordians," Main Line Choral Society and many other features will be sent out at intervals during the college year.

CHURCH DEDICATED

The enlarged building of the Narberth Presbyterian Church was dedicated Sunday with a service conducted by the Rev. John Van Ness. There was a large attendance.

At that time the Junior Sunday School presented to the church \$100, representing their share toward the Building Fund. This was accepted with words of appreciation by Mr. A. C. Shand.

PARK CHRISTMAS TREE

Narberth Park celebrated Christmas eve with their own tree, a permanent, planted evergreen, which was decorated with colored lights.

Many Quaint Usages Have Grown into Observation of Day.

SANTA CLAUS VERY OLD

Christmas brings to mind the many curious and quaint customs and usages which have become associated with the Holy Day since the dawn of the Christmas era.

When the first Christmas card or gift arrives it brings with it the up-to-date interpretation of the bestowing of benefits and happiness. The practice was first instituted in Serbia about the year 800 A. D.

Here it was customary to hold on the eve of Christmas what was known as "Strewing Evening," when the mistress of the house would gather bundles of straw and grain, strewing these about the home for the children to pick up, the remnants being used in decoration of the household shrine. Another phase of strewing was observed in Mexico, with the slight modification that the bundles were generally tied to the houses.

Originated in Pagan Days.

The festival originated in pagan days with the asking of the spirits a blessing on grain and harvests for the coming year. The custom, still observed in parts of France of strewing grain in great bowls of water, dates from about the same time.

Although the strewing of grain as a symbol of the wishing of happiness and prosperity was the common vogue for many centuries, the Christmas card, as known today, originated as late as 1860, the earliest recorded having been designed in 1846 by J. C. Horsley, R. A.

Santa Claus Very Old.

Santa Claus, who to children is the main reason for Christmas, is a mythical gentleman of great antiquity, and in all probability had his origin in St. Nicholas, who was born in Germany in the fourth century. He it was that instituted the practice of filling stockings with

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PAGEANT PRESENTED

Many Enjoyed Presbyterian Sunday School Tableaux.

An unique entertainment in the form of a pageant, "The Adoration of the Shepherds and Kings," was rendered Wednesday evening in the Presbyterian Church by members of the Sunday School.

The presentation was in the form of tableaux given on the stage, while the audience sang Christmas carols. The Rev. John Van Ness read the Scriptures and pronounced the benediction from one of the pews.

The characters and participants were:

Mary—Solveig Knutzen.

Joseph—John B. Wilson.

Angels at Manger—Carrie Louise Douglass and Ruth Marshall.

Shepherd Boys—Bobbie Butler, Fred Robb and William Nieder.

Shepherds—George Watts, James McCutcheon and John McNiven.

Kings—Jesse S. Harris, John C. Nash and Arthur L. Cooke.

Angels—Dorothy Bossard, Helen and Kitty Trowbridge, Katherine Aungst, Lois Caldwell, Mina Lyle, Florence Shellenberger, Annabelle Neddham and Elizabeth Carey.

Doorkeeper—Angels—Dorothy Wilson and Clara Follette.

148th ANNIVERSARY

One hundred and forty-eight years ago Saturday the Continental army, under General George Washington, marched from their rude camp at Gulph Mills to winter quarters on the hills of Valley Forge.

The wind blew harshly on the old Gulph road and snow fell. The patriots, in tattered buff and blue, weary and dispirited, starving and shivering under the icy December blasts, struggled on toward their goal.

No glowing fires or steaming food greeted the forlorn band when they arrived at Valley Forge in the cold, cheerless dusk of that long-ago December day. Exhausted from their long tramp over the snowy Gulph road the patriots were forced to sleep in deep snow.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS AT LOCAL SCHOOL

With Cantata, An Enjoyable Evening Is Furnished to Parents.

VACATION IS NOW ON

A most enjoyable entertainment was presented to the parents of the students in the Narberth Junior High School Tuesday evening, when several Christmas plays and a cantata were given.

The affair met with an enthusiastic reception from the large audience which attended. The stage setting was excellent and the costumes of the opening chorus drew especial praise. The girls were in colonial costumes.

The first number was a Mother Goose cantata, given by the Girls' Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Frances B. Fricke. Virginia Douglass is president of the club, Nellie Fratantoni, secretary, and Catharine Chapman, accompanist.

The chorus consisted of the following girls:

First soprano: M. Anderson, B. Bowman, A. Draucker, V. Douglass, M. DiLouis, F. Fratantoni, A. Gregory, E. Grant, E. Jeffries, H. Krout, K. Loughlin, T. Livingston, M. Maxwell, H. McCracken, L. Maltby, H. Newborg, D. Percy, M. Sheller.

Second soprano and alto: N. Fratantoni, P. Grant, E. La Boube, K. Herron, J. Murray, C. Messec, A. Maltby, R. Mellor, F. Needham, J. Robison, C. Sexton, J. Staples, D. Tilbury, P. Aungst, F. Armour, B. Chalfant, C. Irwin, R. Pickrell, E. Seabold.

Next was given a miracle play in sixteenth century style. "The Christmas Guest," coached by Miss Gertrude Yarnall. The Junior Dramatic Club presented this. Robert Graham is president of the club and Janet Caldwell secretary. The cast:

Prologue, M. Ferguson; Rosamund, A. Bergeron; Geoffrey, R. Graham; Harold, F. Robb; Elinor, R. Wilson; Frances, E. Funk; Dame Margaret, J. Caldwell; A. Beggar, A. Brammer; Epilogue, J. Bailey.

The Senior Dramatic Club followed with two plays, "Minty Malviny's Christmas," and "A Twentieth Century Christmas Carol." Katharine Smith is president of the club and Ellen Pray secretary. Miss Miriam Elsbree coached the plays. The cast of the first was:

Minty Malviny, M. Gilfillan; Henry Le Breton, E. Lane; Laura Courvoisier, E. Pray; Alphonse, C. Ross; Philip, H. Speed; Louise, E. Hunt; Annette, N. Diven.

"A Twentieth Century Christmas Carol" cast:

Josiah Benton, V. Spindler; Ella Benton, H. Wohler; Fredericka, R. Hopkins; Judge, A. Bailey; District Attorney, H. Brooks; Sergeant-at-arms, C. Douglass; Foreman of Jury, S. Thomas; First Witness, R. Bowman; Second Witness, M. Henry; Third Witness, L. Brooks; Expressman, H. Claypoole; Another Expressman, R. Vallette; Jurors, B. Otto, S. Burgess, K. Newborg, W. Newborg; Carollers, members of Glee Club.

"The Christmas Guest" A Miracle Play—Sixteenth Century Style.

The Camp Fire Girls' bazaar was quite a success. Without the aid of the stores and the help of our friends, it would not have been so. One hundred sixty-three dollars and eighteen cents (\$163.18) was cleared. We, the Camp Fire Girls of Narberth, thank the stores for their liberal donations and our friends for their willing help.

Interclass Volleyball Standing.

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Seventh Grade	1	1	.500
Eighth Grade	1	1	.500
Ninth Grade	1	1	.500

This is the final score after the game Wednesday between the Seventh and Ninth Grades.

Catharine Patten and Ellen Pray, reporters.

NEW RESIDENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kirscht and their children, Max, Dorothy and Helene, have taken a home at 109 Essex avenue. Mr. Kirscht opened a barber shop in Narberth last week.

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The Important Thing

If there is anything one can say that is worthy of the reader's attention at this season, when it is a blessed privilege of mankind to forget, for a day at least, such things as newspapers and other matters of daily habit, it is this:

Do not fail to read the Christmas Carol on Christmas eve.

We have adopted many beautiful customs as part of our American celebration of Christmas. First, the tree, which Dickens referred to in 1850 as "that pretty German toy;" now of late years the fine old English custom of carol singing. We have a few other customs indigenous to the soil, such as the buying of costly things just to "keep up with the Joneses" and similar extravagances out of keeping with the spirit of the day, but all in all we keep Christmas very pleasantly.

There is only one thing more we must do to make it perfect: we must read the Christmas Carol on Christmas eve.

No story ever written has so much of the true spirit of Christmas in it as the famous Carol. If you do not know it, do not let another day go by before making the acquaintance of Scrooge and Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim and all that splendid company. Join the Cratchits at their Christmas dinner and learn what the day really means. If you do not have the story in your library, go out and buy it. There is a book shop in Ardmore and another in Haverford? If you have it, don't fail to read it as you gather round the warm hearth with your family.

You have no hearth in the apartment? Then read the Carol for there's enough Christmas in it to make even a radiator seem romantic.

And now, good friends all—MERRY CHRISTMAS, MERRY CHRISTMAS, MERRY CHRISTMAS.

WRITES TO COUNCIL

The following letter has been sent by John Curtis, of 105 Grayling avenue, to Council, protesting the increased tax rate now in process of passage.

A copy of the letter was sent Our Town with a request that it be published.

December 19, 1925.
To the Incoming Council,
Narberth, Pa.
Gentlemen:

The current issue of "Our Town" informs us that the last act of our predecessors was to vote a heavy increase in taxes for the coming year, leaving the final action to you. Unless I am mistaken or have been misinformed I consider this action unwarranted, and as a taxpayer I emphatically protest against it.

This is the third year in succession that taxes have been increased in this borough, and we who pay these taxes have a right to know some of the details of expenditure instead of generalities. It has been stated that highways require most of the increase in borough expense; it is pointed out that the cost of paving certain streets must be met in this way, and that other streets must be repaved; that collection of ashes and other items in the highway budget costs much more than formerly.

As to the first, I believe that it is customary to charge against abutting property the first cost of paving a street, and those of us who have bought property on paved streets paid for it, as it was included in the cost of the properties. In fact, it was stated by Council, I believe, when the paving of these new streets was authorized, that the abutting properties would be charged with 75 per cent. of it, the borough assuming only 25 per cent. Now it seems we are to be taxed to pay the whole of it. I object.

Second, I do not object to a slight increase in taxes if necessary to have ashes collected promptly. For the last two years mine have been put out the night before the day set for collection and usually they have remained there, unsightly and inconveniently for two or three days. The plea is that the department is doing the best it can. It will take a very little increase in taxes to meet this situation.

Third, when I moved to Narberth I was told that the borough cleared the sidewalks of snow; I noticed last winter that some parts of it was taken care of, but Grayling avenue got little attention, except that we were notified to do the cleaning ourselves or face arrest and a fine. I am not a young man anymore, and physically unable to undertake such a job and, moreover, was unable, except in one instance, to find anyone else to employ to do it.

If I am wrong I will cheerfully admit it; but continuous increase in taxes, culminating in this excessively stiff one seems to require explanation and justification. Narberth can be made attractive as a place to live in not by crying to spend more money, but by so economically and wisely conducting the business of the borough that a maximum of service may be given at a minimum of tax.

Very truly yours,
JOHN CURTIS.

Although Our Town published more than "generalities" in its issue just before the tax bill was introduced, it will attempt to get very complete information to aid subscriber Curtis and others who may desire this opportunity to study out the problem of borough expenses.

We plan, therefore, in one of the next two issues to carry a complete copy of the proposed budget, with as much explanation as may be available on the separate items.

Certainly Council would welcome a chance to avoid raising the rate. Every member of Council owns a property on which he has voted himself a big increase in taxes for 1926. Any citizen who can see a way whereby the high rate can be prevented will be of great aid to Council.

NARBERTH BOY SCOUTS

The Scouts had the pleasure of meeting Mr. H. M. Faucett, assistant executive of the County Council, Monday, December 14. He was well liked and incidentally taught the boys two games played by other scout troops.

At 66 Main Line Court of Honor, held at Ardmore, Friday, December 18, Scout Bob Harris passed his Merit Badge test in cycling. Scout Horace Sheneman passed his Merit Badge test in camping and scholarship. Scout Ed. Wolf passed his Merit Badge test in electricity.

These Merit Badges are all worth while and indicate what the boys are doing.

Mr. Walter M. Wentz has been asked to become a member of the Troop Committee and all are glad that he has accepted.

A REMINDER

The friends of Reverend and Mrs. Milton E. McLinn are asked to remember the evening of December 28, when a celebration in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary will be held in the Lutheran Church. A delightful program has been arranged, including speakers and musical numbers. Mrs. Harold M. Griest will play Mendelssohn's Wedding March and Miss Ruth McLinn will favor us with piano selections. Mr. Joseph McGlynn, the sporting editor of the Public Ledger, will be present and sing for us. We are also to have the pleasure of hearing Mrs. John A. Bailey as well as Miss Katherine Claire, the granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. McLinn, who will be accompanied by her sister, Miss Eleanor Claire.

There will be a reception after the program. This promises to be a memorable occasion and we want all the friends of Rev. and Mrs. McLinn to rejoice with them.

CHORAL BROADCASTS

The Main Line Choral Society broadcast a concert Monday night from the Ardmore Theatre through station WABQ, Haverford College.

The organization is composed to a great extent of Narberth singers and is an outgrowth of the Narberth Choral Society.

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GARAGE SPACE FOR RENT—North Narberth avenue. Phone Narberth 2222-W.

LOST—Straw suitcase containing clothing and two cups. Reward. R. S. Touhill, Narberth 1303-M. 505 S. Narberth avenue.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Narberth National Bank for the election of Directors and the transaction of any other business that may come before this meeting will be held at the Narberth National Bank on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, at 5 P. M.
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We extend greetings to our customers, with the wish and the hope that you and yours may enjoy every pleasure and blessing the season may bring.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

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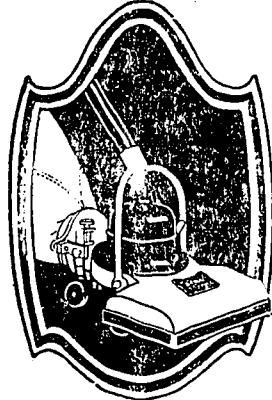
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Services for December 27:

9.45 A. M.—Church School. The

Christmas services of the church

school will be held in each department

11 A. M.—Morning worship. Ser-

mon, "The World by Starlight." At

the morning worship the quartet will

offer selections from Maunder's "Beth-

lehem."

7 P. M.—Young people's service.

7.45 P. M.—Evening worship. This

will be another of the unusual ser-

monies of the church which we have been en-

joying. It will begin with a brief, in-

formal carol service in which the con-

gregation will join to express in song

the spirit of the Christmas season.

Preceding a White Gift service of

the church school there will be pre-

sented a dramatization of "Why the

Chimes Rang." Would you not like to

actually see Pedro and Little Brother,

those two boys your imagination saw

so vividly as you read the story?

Wednesday, December 30, 8 P. M.—

Prayer service. Topic, "Life as a

Two-Way Street."

Friday, January 1, 8 A. M.—Early

morning New Year service. Topic,

"Life as a One-Way Street." Begin

the New Year with God!

The Presbyterian Church.

Rev. John Van Ness, minister.

The celebration of the advent of our

Blessed Lord has largely occupied

our time and our thoughts during the

past few days and will come to a

happy culmination in the meetings to-

morrow which will be as follows:

9.30 A. M.—Bible School. Christmas

music in all departments.

11 A. M.—Morning worship. Ser-

mon on "The Coming of the Prince

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11 A. M.—Junior Church, under the
direction of Mrs. A. S. Digby. It was
very inspiring to see these children
present last Sunday, their offering of
\$100 to the building fund and to hear
the gracious response by Mrs. A. C.
Shaw.

6.45 P. M.—Meeting of the Inter-
mediate Endeavor Society. This so-
ciety is rehearsing a beautiful cantata
which they will present next Sunday,
January 3, 1926, in the social room at
7 o'clock.

7 P. M.—Meeting of the Senior En-
deavor Society in the upper room.

7.45 P. M.—Evening worship. A
musical service. The beautiful Christ-
mas cantata, entitled "Bethlehem," by
Mr. J. H. Maunder, will be sung by
the church quartet and a chorus choir
of trained voices. Come early if you
want a good seat.

Next Wednesday evening the last
prayer meeting of the good old year
1925. Let everybody be present. We
will think together of the lessons we
should learn from the past year.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

M. E. McLinn, pastor.

Regular services Sunday, December

27, 1925:

9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.

11 A. M.—Preaching service. Ser-

mon, "The Star of Empire."

4.45 and 7 P. M.—Luther Leagues.

7.45 P. M.—Evening preaching. Ser-

mon, "Every Knee Must Bow."

The people are urged to attend the

services during this Holy Season. An

open church and a welcoming hand

and praises to God.

The Senior Luther League will meet

on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Anna

Sell will lead the topic. Come out and

help in the discussion. On Tuesday

evening seven of the members of the

League attended an entertainment

given for the children of the Lutheran

Settlement House at 1340 Frankford

avenue. The barrel of canned goods,

toys, dolls and calendars sent by the

Senior and Junior Leagues was deeply

appreciated. We wish to thank those

who helped to fill the barrel.

PAGAN DAYS SAW ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

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gifts and goodies, and he is also

said to have dowered three portion-

less old maids with three bags of

gold, thus rescuing them from dis-

tress and sorrow.

In Holland, where the festival is

celebrated on December 19, it is cus-

tomary for children to visit about

the villages and personally convey
their good wishes. At night their
little sabots are left outside the
bedroom door in expectation of the
visit of St. Nicholas, but the excite-
ment of search is added to the ex-
pectation of the gift, since these are
usually hidden about the house.

In Spain the legend of "The
Three Wise Men" is perpetuated in
the "Three Kings," who take the
place of Santa Claus. Santa Claus
has been said to have had his origin
in Scandinavia, but it would appear
that the custom was in the first place
borrowed from Germany and mod-
ified to suit local conditions.

Mistletoe is not the least inter-
esting of the many symbols of
Christmastide. Now regarded as an
invitation to promiscuous kissing, it
was regarded with the greatest ven-
eration by the Druids and was
largely used at the festival held in
honor of their divinity, Tutanis,
which coincided with the present-day
Christmas.

Holly, without which no Christ-
mas decoration is complete, was
originally used by the Danes, who
transmitted the custom to England.
Here there was, at Glastonbury
Abbey in Somersetshire, a miracu-
lous thorn tree, which at Christmas
was supposed to exercise some
form of benefit over the commu-
nity, so the thorn, or holly, from
that time on became the principal
form of green decoration about the
house.

The Christmas tree, one of the
most picturesque features of Yule-
tide, had its origin with the Norse
and Teutonic peoples, who during
the winters used to bring into the
house small hemlocks from the for-
est. These would be carefully tend-
ed to protect them from severe
frosts and became the principal de-
coration at Yuletide.

Carols, as popular today as in
olden times, are as ancient as the
celebration of Christmas itself. The
earliest known specimen of the
medieval carol is preserved in man-
uscript in the British Museum. It
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40 BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

Library Has Complete List of Books Recommended by Federal Education Bureau.

Recently there appeared in the Philadelphia Bulletin a list of 40 books compiled by the Bureau of Education which all children should read before they are 16. This list was called to the attention of the Narberth Library and was checked off by one of the assistants, who found that the Library possessed one copy of each book listed.

While it is too late for the list as printed here to be of use in making Christmas gifts, it may be of assistance as birthdays come along and at least it may be helpful to parents and relatives in directing the reading of the young people.

The complete list follows:

"Little Women," by Louisa M. Alcott; "Robinson Crusoe," "Tanglewood Tales," "Uncle Remus," "Anderson's Fairy Tales," "Jungle Book," "Alice in Wonderland," "Treasure Island," "Just So Stories," by Kipling; "Heidi," by Johana Spyri; "Arabian Nights," "Adventures of Odysseus," by Padraic P. Colum; "Oregon Trail," by Francis Parkman; "Hans Brinker," by Mary Mapes Dodge; "Tom Sawyer," "Swiss Family Robinson," "Merry Adventures of Robin Hood," "Captains Courageous," "Boy's King Arthur," by Sir T. Mallory; "Ivanhoe," "Aesop's Fables," "Water Babies," "Child's Garden of Verse," by Stevenson.

"Master Skylark," by John Bennett; "Little Men," by Alcott; "Little Lame Prince," "Gulliver's Travels," "Boy's Life of Abraham Lincoln," by Helen Nicolay; "Story of a Bad Boy," by Thomas Bailey Aldrich; "Huckleberry Finn," "Prince and Pauper," by Mark Twain; "Grimm's Fairy Tales," "Story of Mr. Dollittle," by Hugh Lofting; "Wonderful Adventures of Nils," by Selma Lagerlof; "Joan of Arc," by L. M. Boutet de Monvel; "Rebecca of Sunbrook Farm," by Kate Douglas Wiggin; "Man Without a Country," by Edward Everett Hale; "Men of Iron," by Howard Pyle; "Understood Betsy," by Dorothy Canfield; "Dog of Flanders," by Ouida.

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Ardmore dealers also reported the situation one for little worry.

THE FIRESIDE

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Mrs. L. H. Trotter has been confined to her home with a severe attack of laryngitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Newlin Wisner, of Essex avenue, are spending the holidays in Trenton, N. J.

Miss Elizabeth M. Posey, of the Windsor-Essex, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. J. P. Crawford, sailed Sunday for Cuba, where they expect to spend two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Gross, of Dudley avenue, are enjoying the Christmas holidays with their daughter, the wife of the Rev. L. S. Ewing, pastor of the Broad Street M. E. Church, Lancaster, Pa.

A large shipment of Japanese flowering cherry trees went from the Garden Nurseries, Narberth, to Honolulu, Hawaii, this week.

Rev. and Mrs. Francis A. Gray are spending the holidays in Norfolk, Va. Mr. Gray is assistant pastor of All Saints' P. E. Church.

Mrs. Helen Russell, of Providence, R. I., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Isaac E. Leech, of Elm Terrace.

Mr. Robert M. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Harris and Mr. A. J. Newell attended the Optimists' Club luncheon at the Ritz-Carlton Tuesday. The club entertained 186 crippled children. Mr. Paul W. Gibbons, a member of the Narberth Tennis Club, is president of the Optimists.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Mahl, of Narbrook Park, entertained Dr. Macartney, of the Arch Street Presbyterian Church, at dinner last week.

Mr. R. F. Fenno and Miss Gertrude Male Fenno, of Plainfield, N. J., spent Christmas day as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fenno.

Mr. Richard W. Case, of Huntingdon, W. Va., was the guest of his brother, Mr. Walter C. Case, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Henry Healy and son John, formerly of the Windsor-Essex, are occupying their new apartment at 210 Essex avenue.

Friends of Mrs. Horace Wanamaker will be glad to know that she is at home recovering from a serious operation performed in Bryn Mawr Hospital four weeks ago.

Commander and Mrs. C. H. Shaw are entertaining Miss Ethel E. Shaw, teacher in Bloomsburg Normal School.

The Community Library was closed Friday afternoon and evening on account of the holiday and will be closed again on Friday afternoon and evening of next week, New Year's day.

Mrs. Franklyn Dunlop, of Dudley avenue, is spending the holidays in New York as the guest of her sister.

Mrs. Joseph A. Hongler, of Merion avenue, is recovering from an attack of grippe.

MANY CURIOUS CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS IN OTHER LANDS

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In no other land is Christmas more generally celebrated perhaps than in Scandinavia. "Peace on Earth, to Men Good-Will," is really the order of the season there, where the Courts are closed, old quarrels are adjusted and feuds forgotten.

Christmas stories, the custom of burning a Yule Log and the practice of leaving a lighted candle in the window to light the way for the Kristine, who brings the gifts, may be traced to Scandinavia. Here even the birds of the air are thought of and a sheaf of wheat placed out of doors for them.

On Christmas eve merry-makers go about visiting homes. Boys, dressed in white, journey from house to house singing carols and partaking of refreshments. They are usually followed by older persons in costumes of all kinds who perform all sorts of tricks and pantomimes. These performers, likewise, never leave empty handed.

In Sweden the preparation for Christmas begins on the feast day of Saint Lucia, December 13. It opens generally with a young girl dressed to represent the girl-saint who distributes cakes and candy.

Christmas eve is a grand fete in

Paris. The "reveillon," or Christmas eve supper at midnight, is perhaps of more importance than the Christmas Day dinner. The true Parisian divides his Christmas supper into many courses, taking each at a different place and perhaps arriving home in time to have his breakfast coffee.

In many of the provinces in France, particularly in Brittany, it is permissible for every single man to implant a kiss upon each cheek of every single young lady of his acquaintance whom he may chance to meet upon that day.

ANOTHER DOG POISONER

At Work in the Borough. Several Animals Dead.

Another epidemic of dog poisoning has struck the borough, this time in the vicinity of Williams avenue. Several pets have fallen victims in the past two weeks.

A similar campaign was conducted by some person living on the south side some months ago, when residents on Woodside and Elmwood avenues were the victims. The poisoner was not apprehended.

The latest victim on Williams avenue is J. D. Neblitt, a member of the Lower Merion police force. He reports that a pet dog, always chained in the back yard, died this week in agony from the effects of poison. He has offered a reward for any information, and in company with other dog owners and victims of the poisoner, is trying to discover the guilty party.

A number of residents of that section have promised summary arrest and prosecution if the poisoner is found.

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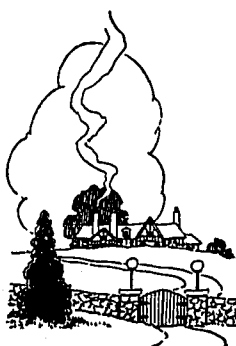
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